

# Waingels College

School of the future

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9 September 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we approach the end of the first week of the new School Year I thought it would be an appropriate time for me to write to you all. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer though I have to confess it already seems a very long time ago that I was in San Francisco! The weather has clearly decided that summer is over; the gales and rain on Tuesday were more like December than September. It was a tribute to the excellent behaviour of the students that they managed so well.

Many of you will be aware that I am the new Principal at Waingels College and that I am also new to Wokingham. There is a great deal of learning for me to do about the School and the Borough, but I hope to be quickly settled into the systems and procedures by both. I have led a wonderful high-performing School in Birmingham for the last nine years and was proud to see it gain exceptional results with four consecutive "Outstanding" Ofsted Inspections. During the last four years I have also led a School at risk of closure to an achievement of 100% 5 A\* to C. I sincerely hope these previous experiences equip me to be successful in my leadership of Waingels, though I must confess to some relief of being able to give my full attention to just one School in future. I have been greatly impressed by the attitudes of the students to their School and the dedication of the adults who lead their learning. I am very grateful for the welcome I have received and will work hard to ensure the standards and achievements of the School continue to improve.

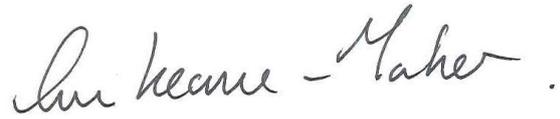
The Education of young people is a great responsibility as we are creating the citizens of the future world in which we will all live. It is a three way partnership and I want to be able to liaise with you as parents to ensure the School fulfils your expectations and aspirations. It is clear that we have exactly the same goals which will ensure our children's future success.

It has been a great relief to have a fully operational new School building ready for the start of the Year and I am sure you will be excited to see the amazing facilities available now that all the work on the classrooms is finished. There is a little work still to do around the grounds, but on the whole these will not impinge greatly on our day to day work.

I would like to draw your attention to the School Dairy every student has been given. It should enable you to find out most of the useful information about day to day routines. You will particularly notice the alteration to the Wednesday arrangement for food. Instead of lunch at the end of the morning, students will break after the first two lessons for 40 minutes at 11.00 am. This "brunch" will allow them time to eat food from home or visit the canteen for a slightly different style of menu from the normal lunchtime. Students will then finish school at 1.40 pm. We hope this brunch will allow them time to socialise and get some food ready to take them through the rest of their lessons.

I am looking forward to developing our future relationship and am keen to hear your views on how you would like to see the new School work. It is a new chapter in Waingels history and I feel very privileged to lead it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Keane-Maher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a period at the end.

**Ann Keane-Maher**  
**Principal**